

Enjoyable Hikes to Try at MSR

The park and trails system are MSR features that you don't want to miss. Our trails are available for everyone's health and enjoyment. If you haven't walked our trails for a while, or are a bit out of shape, start by walking the Southern Exposure hike a few times, add the Sanctuary Trail bonus hike, then work your way to the more challenging and visually rewarding hikes that will be posted soon.

Let's begin with an easy hike to get you started. And don't forget to bring along a bottle of water and perhaps check out a frisbee from the office for a little extra fun during your walk (distances are approximate):

Hike #1. The Southern Exposure Walk

(easy, 1/2 Mile)

From the clubhouse, walk to the Welcome Shack then proceed through Carl's RV to the wagon wheel gate. If it's a warm day, you may consider taking a moment to sit and contemplate on the bench to the left of the gate in the cool shade, next to the babbling brook. After crossing the gate, the road will lead you to the Southern Exposure where you can walk around the loop and return back to the clubhouse. This is an easy walk with a slight incline as you enter the Southern Exposure.

If you brought a frisbee with you, the disc golf basket located in the Southern Exposure is the perfect place to learn or challenge your disc throwing skills. With the tee-off point located at the entry to the Southern Exposure where the road splits, toss the disc to the basket located about 200 feet across the grassy area.

Bonus (Sanctuary Trail, +0.1 Mile)

On your way back from the Southern Exposure, turn down the hill at the Welcome Shack to find the Sanctuary trailhead just to your left. Although this trail has a slight, easy grade, you'll want to walk it slowly to admire the memorials & surprises that have been placed along the trail over the years.

Hike #2. Maple Cove Trail Loop

(moderate, 3/4 Mile - distances are approximate)

From the clubhouse, walk to the Welcome Shack and find the trailhead to Mimi's Leap on your left. Walk up the stairs carved in the hillside and proceed up the trail for about 50 yards. Turn right at the Maple Cove trailhead and enjoy the hike above the rushing creek below until the trail intersects with Maple Trail. Take a moment, if you like, and pause at the two benches that you'll encounter along the trail to enjoy the peace and serenity of this scenic trail. Proceed left on Maple Trail and enjoy the walk past the dense ferns as you make your way to the upper hill gravel road. Turn right at the road, then follow the road down the hill back to the clubhouse.

Bonus (Mossy Trail)

After leaving Maple Trail and turning right at the intersection with the upper hill gravel road, walk down the road for about 50 yards and after rounding the corner, you'll encounter the Elk Trail trailhead sign on your right. Turn right on Elk Trail, proceed another 25 yards, then turn left and walk across the bridge which is the trailhead for Mossy Trail. Continue down Mossy Trail along the babbling brook until you reach the gravel road just below the clubhouse.

Our park and trails provide those that visit an escape within our beautiful paradise. It's such a healthy environment with the peace, tranquility, and fresh air that awaits those that choose to explore them.